

Interracial Friendship

Position One: Keep the Friend

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You decide that instead of rejecting Melissa you will have a better chance of changing her mind if you keep her as a friend.

Defend your position.

Position Two: Refuse to Be Friends

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You decide that in fairness to your new friends and to be consistent with your principles you must refuse to be friends with Melissa until she changes her attitude.

Defend your position.